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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination. Applicant respectfully requests that the amendment filed herewith be entered at this time.

Please charge deposit account no. 50-3478 in the amount of \$395.00 to cover the RCE fee, \$200.00 for 2 extra independent claims over 3, and \$50.00 for 2 new claims over 20 (small entity).

Respectfully submitted,

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